

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 7, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1574**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Jones**

February 22, 2005

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~~An act relating to housing discrimination. An act to add and repeal Section 12994 of the Government Code, relating to housing discrimination.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1574, as amended, Jones. Housing: discrimination.

*(1) The Fair Employment and Housing Act states the intent of the Legislature to occupy the field of regulation of discrimination in employment and housing encompassed by its provisions, exclusive of all other laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and housing by any city, county, city and county, or other political subdivision of the state, except as specified.*

*This bill would, notwithstanding these provisions, authorize the County of Sacramento, until January 1, 2010, to enact laws prohibiting discrimination in housing that are equal to, but no greater than, the protections against discrimination as provided by the act.*

*(2) This bill would also make legislative findings and declarations regarding the need for special legislation.*

~~Under existing law, it is unlawful for the owner of any housing accommodation to discriminate against or harass any person because of the race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, source of income, or disability of that person.~~

~~This bill would declare the Legislature's intent to enact legislation to address housing discrimination issues.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~  
2     ~~legislation to address housing discrimination issues.~~  
3     *SECTION 1. Section 12994 is added to the Government*  
4     *Code, to read:*  
5     *12994. (a) Notwithstanding Section 12993, the County of*  
6     *Sacramento may enact laws prohibiting discrimination in*  
7     *housing that are equal to, but no greater than, state laws*  
8     *prohibiting discrimination in housing, as set forth in this part.*  
9     *(b) This section shall remain in effect only until December 31,*  
10    *2009, and as of that date is repealed.*  
11    *SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this act,*  
12    *which is applicable only to the County of Sacramento, is*  
13    *necessary because the provisions of this act will serve as a pilot*  
14    *program for extending authority to enact laws prohibiting*  
15    *discrimination in housing to every city, county, city and county,*  
16    *and other political subdivision in the state. The Legislature finds*  
17    *and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general*  
18    *law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16*  
19    *of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the need to*  
20    *enact this act on a trial basis only, applied to one county only,*  
21    *prior to extending the act to every city, county, city and county,*  
22    *and political subdivision in the state.*

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